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IN the Preſs, and ſpeedily will be publiſhed, in a Series of Letters, the HISTORY of BILLY NOODLE, or the *famous* Weſt Country LAD, containing an Account of his Birth, Fortune and Education.

Of his engaging himſelf in the Service of DON RENARDO, a cunning Stateſman. Of the *Arts* by which DON RENARDO perſuaded the poor LAD that HE had all the *Qualifications* neceſſary for a Stateſman.

How, thro' DON RENARDO's Intrigues, He became GOVERNOUR of VALENTIA, a conſiderable Province in *Spain*. Of the great Secret imparted to him by DON RENARDO, on his Setting out for his Government, of acquiring the Reputation of a Man of Ability, at ſo ſmall an Expenc as that of his Maſter's and his own Honour.

Of the Diviſions which ſubſiſted in his Province on his Arrival in it.

Of

Of the LAD's assuming the Character of a *Jugler*, and of his attempting to talk some People out of their Senses, who Laughed at his Folly, and who soon found their Account in his Incapacity for Business.

Of his Progress thro' the Province, and of the use (under various Pretences) He afterwards made of it to Pillage the Inhabitants of the Money then in their T————y.

Of the scheme He had fixed to SAP the Constitution of the Province. Of His corrupting those who had been supposed it's best Guardians, as the surest Means of Succeeding in it. Of the Baneful League He secretly made for this Purpose with DON PROUDERO IL-

ILLITERATO GRANDO MEMORIALISTO, DON ROGERO ELECTIONIRO, and DON ANTONIO POTATO PAPISTO, by which the Rights and Liberties of the People, which they had in a moſt Solemn and Extraordinary manner taken upon them to Defend and Support, were to be Betrayed by them to the LAD.

Of the particular Gratification which each of theſe *Conſpirators*, (with ſome of leſſer note whoſe names are ſet forth) againſt the Liberties of their Country, and thoſe *Honeſt Patriots* who had aſſociated with them, received as a Reward for this unheard of Perfidy and Treachery.

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Of the Stratagems which DON PROUDERO ILLITERATO GRANDO MEMORIALISTO, DON ROGERO ELECTIONIRO and DON ANTONIO POTATO PAPISTO, practiſed to draw the LAD into the League upon their own Terms.

How the LAD fell amongſt THIEVES, who pretending to act upon honeſt Principles, plotted only to make themſelves conſiderable, by obtaining for themſelves Pl——s and P—n——ns.

How in conſequence of this ſhameful Proſtitution, every wholſome Propoſal for the Public was oppoſed and ſtifled; the Voice of the People, the great Bulwark of Liberty, not only ſilenced, but the Force and Credit of it futurely deſtroyed, and a foun-

foundation laid for a Yoke which was afterwards *actually impoſed* upon the Province by a moſt ruinous and unnatural Un——n.

Of the important Project the LAD had formed (by which the Un—n, or any other pernicious Meaſure might be more eaſily effected) by making DON JAGO SBERARIO, (*one of his Family*), the moſt remarkable Man in the Province; and how he was foiled in it by the Steadineſs, Perſeverance and Virtue of the Uncorrupted of the Province, aided by the new Treachery of DON ANTONIO POTATO PAPISTO, who prudently ſtepped into *Don Jago's* Place, when the LAD thought himſelf perfectly ſecure, and that he had brought his Scheme to Perfection.

Of the ſevere, exorbitant, and injuſtifiable

able Expences by numberleſs P—n—ns and new-created Pl——s, by which the Power of the LAD was *dangerouſly* encreaſed, amounting in the whole to half a Million of CRUSADOES, the Particulars of which are ſet forth.

How he incurred the Deteſtation of all the People of the Capital of his Province, by contriving to deprive its Inhabitants of certain Rights and Privileges, which every diſintereſted Man in the Province, and who was not a *Creature* to the LAD allowed to be their Birth-right.

Of his corrupting ſome of the Leading Men in the Capital, and the Advantage to which he turned that Corruption in another Place, where to eſtabliſh a Reputation

tation of Ability, the Well-being of the whole Province was ſacrificed.

Of the Rage and Reſentment of a deceived, deluded, but brave, honeſt, ſteady and loyal People, on Proceedings ſo very extraordinary.

Of the Weakneſs of the LAD, who expected to paſs for a *Conjurer*, *a Prodigy of Wiſdom*, for doing what any other Perſon, veſted with the ſame Powers, and who would have ſteeped himſelf in ſo much Corruption, might have effected at half the Expence to the People

Of the LAD's Timidity, Irreſolution, Hypocriſy and Falſehood. How he was laughed at, hated and deſpiſed by all Parties,

Parties, the Betrayers as well as thoſe betrayed.

Laſtly, how he was hooted at in the Streets and in all publick Places, and hiſſed out of the Theatre firſt, and afterwards out of the Province, in ſpight of every Attempt to preent theſe juſt Marks of the Indignation of an injured People, againſt a Man who had trampled on the Rights of the Capital, who had laid the Axe to the Root of public Virtue, and whom the Province conſidered as the greateſt Evil, which GOD in his Wrath could have ſent amongſt them.

To which will be added, a ſhort Account of the Manner in which his Secretary DON THINNO BREADAMILKO CHITTO, behaved on all public Occaſions, with three celebrated Speeches taken in

Short-hand, as he ſpoke them in an Aſſembly of ſome of the Chiefs of the Province.

Alſo ſome Account of the Amours of BILLY NOODLE.

END of the ABSTRACT.

MVSEVM BRITANNICVM